

Dear Chairman Powell,

I am writing to you regarding your upcoming review of Media ownership rights. There seems to be a consensus of journalists that you will lighten the restrictions of Media ownership. No doubt, if you indeed take this action, there would be increased merger and acquisition activity that would consolidate the industry. No doubt that there would also be larger, more powerful and also fewer organizations that reflect media voices. Fewer media voices, less diversity for the public. As I believe you understand there are already too few voices out there now. I understand that the FCC and the media ownership restrictions were both created to protect the public and the public's interest of broadcast waves. Sir, if your intention is to soften the rules I would like to know how you feel that such action would be protecting the public's interest?

I understand that yours may be a difficult position. Being picked by the president you are probably expected to act in accordance with political party lines. In your job as Chairman of the FCC you are entrusted with one of the most important moral responsibilities of all governmental positions, which is to protect the public. I am certain that many times the political expectations and the moral responsibility can be on opposite ends of an issue. It seems this may be one of those times. I implore you to follow your moral responsibilities and do not change the restrictions on media ownership.